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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: William T Fujioka
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**MOTION TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY'S
FEDERAL ADVOCACY OFFICE TO URGE THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL
OFFICIALS TO TAKE THE ACTIONS REQUIRED TO EXPEDITE THE RELEASE
OF GRANT FUNDS TO HOMEBY INDUSTRIES (ITEM NO. 8 – AGENDA OF
AUGUST 31, 2010)**

Item No. 8 on the August 31, 2010 Agenda is a motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Antonovich directing the Chief Executive Officer and the County's Federal Advocacy Office to urge the appropriate Federal officials to take the actions required to expedite the release of a \$300,000 grant to Homeboy Industries.

On December 16, 2009, President Obama signed H.R. 3288, the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Act into law. The FFY 2010 Omnibus bill provides a total of \$446.8 billion in funding for discretionary (non-entitlement) programs for Federal departments and agencies to help continue to restore and rebuild our economy. The bill combined the Commerce-Justice-Science; Financial Services; Labor-Health and Human Services-Education; Military Construction-Veteran Affairs; State-Foreign Operations; and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development appropriation legislation.

H.R. 3288 includes \$300,000 in earmarked funding to Homeboy Industries for solar panel installation training and certification for at-risk youth in Los Angeles County. The earmark was requested by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34). Homeboy Industries, founded by Father Gregory Boyle and headquartered in downtown

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Los Angeles, assists formerly gang-involved and recently released young men and women with criminal records find employment. The classes in solar panel installation will provide skills training and a pathway to jobs in a growing field, as well as, support a local and nationwide commitment to green energy. This grant funding is critical as Homeboy Industries, like other non-profit organizations, struggle through the economic recession. The release of the grant funding is pending Homeboy Industries successful completion and submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Because there is no specific Board approved policy to advocate for expedited release of grant funds to non-profit organizations, such as Homeboy Industries, **the proposed recommendation is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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